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physical handicap of what I suppose is arthritis in the neck and shoulders, and equally the courage with which his wife, crippled by polio, maintains her cheerfulness of spirit, is impressive.

Mollie Buccleuch and John Walker are staying with us. John is going back to Washington tomorrow. Speaking of private collections in Great Britain, he thought the two finest were those of Lord and Lady Cholmondley in their country and town houses, and perhaps even better, because of the marvelous drawings in it, the collection of an Austrian domiciled in London, named Count Antoine Seilern, an uncle of Diana Phipps.

February 25, 1965 - Friday

We received a telegram yesterday about Findley Burns. The King of Jordan, although agreeable to giving an agrément for Findley as Ambassador, has asked for the retention of our present Ambassador while negotiations are in progress between the United States and his country for military equipment. As such negotiations go on interminably, this would not ordinarily be granted. In view, however, of this unusual request, the White House and the State Department will be faced with an embarrassing decision, since there are strong reasons at home, I understand, for the removal of our present Ambassador and his probable retirement from the Foreign Service.

Lunched at the Cafe Royal with enchanting Martine de Courcel.

Drew Middleton came to see me this afternoon. He is passing through here on his way for a visit to 14 African countries. As New York Times correspondent to UN, he is to inform himself as thoroughly as possible in a short time on conditions in some of the African Bloc [redacted] nations. He will be in Addis Ababa on the 28th for the OAU Conference there, which will be dealing with the Rhodesian question. The proceedings are expected to be much less fiery than would have been the case had Nkrumah not been overthrown.

E and I went to Guy Morgan's apartment at 12A Eaton Square to see the film made about his son and the Cambridge bridge designed by Morgan. The other guests were Lady Joubert, Albert Ferber the concert pianist, Sir Lawrence and Lady Jones,

the city invaded and ruined by objectionable forms of commerce. She lives there most of the time, even during the winter. She said the city was more flooded than usual in recent months, and many of the canals had frozen, so that one could walk across them or skate on them. The Grand Canal, because of the rise and fall of the tide, does not freeze. I told her I had recently read a statement that the water level in Venice diminishes about two inches every sixty years. She corrected me, asserting the true figure was 2 inches every 100 years. This is sufficient, however, to create tremendous problems.

February 27, 1966 - Sunday

I devoted the day to walking and reading. E left for Paris in mid-afternoon.

February 28, 1966 - Monday

I took Mr. Redford of Gerald Kerin & Co. to lunch at the house. He is the most sympathetic dealer I have met in London, and also the most knowledgeable. He examined the Embassy and our own porcelains, bronzes and furniture. He also gave me sound advice on how to dispose of a set of Chippendale dining room chairs we had sent over from Washington, but for which we have no use. The best of all was his stories of opportunities seized or missed to acquire antiques on a favorable basis.

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Some of the heads of Governments in Africa--perhaps most of them--are incredibly credulous. My attention was drawn today to the complaint made by Obote, the wild man of Uganda, against Col. Senior, a UK military adviser, who had on the telephone recently used such suspicious expressions as "buttonhole", "deliver the flowers", and the like. Obote inquired about the nature of these calls, and specifically asked if Senior was adviser to some florist. It seems what happened was that the ineffective Uganda intelligence service, having tapped the line, deduced that Senior was involved in a nefarious plot against the Government, and that the "deliver the flowers" was a code expression for "bringing in the ammunition."

I picked up Diana Cooper and Iris Tree, to take them to dine at the von Hofmannsthals. Ali Forbes was also there. Iris is a character, still vitally interested in every variety of intellectual and artistic activity. Added to this is a

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lively concern over cooking. She vaunted the merits of Suffolk sausages over the famous Newmarket ones. Diana and Iris went on to a silver wedding party at Stephen Spenders. Stephen has been for the last six months or longer at the Congressional Library in Washington, as an adviser, and has a heavy schedule of lecture tours confronting him as long as he wishes to remain in the United States. I saw this talented man at George Weidenfeld's the other night; he says his present activities leave him little time for writing poetry.

I begged off going to this party on the plea of getting early to bed. Never was there a greater mistake. Liz, Ali and I sat up till one o'clock conversing.

March 1, 1966 - Tuesday

Peter Wilson came to see me this morning. The investigation by the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice into the purchase by Sothebys of a majority interest in Parke-Bernet, New York, has culminated in a report to be made shortly to Justice in Washington. The British Embassy and the Foreign Office are both about to express their views on the subject to the American Government. Personally I consider this affair should be settled by non-action. The idea of a monopoly in the art auction business is ridiculous. Also, this is, I believe, the first time any such action has been considered against a foreign company that has made dollar investments in the United States.

I sent a telegram yesterday about my inability to come to Washington in order to meet the changed dates of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Commission. I said:

The papers are, of course, filled with comments this morning on the Prime Minister's setting of an election date on March 31. The schedule is as follows:

March 10 - Dissolution of Parliament
March 12 - First day for nominations
March 21 - Nominations close
March 31 - Polling Day
March 31 and April 1 - Declarations of Poll
April 21 - State opening of new Parliament

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showing he had no ear lobes. In cabinets are locks of his hair, as well as of some of the numerous ladies whom he enraptured. It is said he tired of sending ringlets to women, and often snipped hair from his dogs and despatched them to female admirers. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of his handwritten letters are kept in cartons; we looked at many of them.

The walls of this house are almost solid with portraits of authors, including two of Washington Irving.

The senior partner, Sir John Murray, still comes there each day at 9:30 a. m. Having a sharp distaste for the smell of tobacco, he allows no smoking while he is in the house.

Nicky was enthusiastic over the treasures shown him by Mr. and Mrs. Murray and their erudite son. Later, we were joined for drinks by Ernestine and Jake Carter, Peter Quennell, and William Hayter's accomplished sister Alathea, whose Sultry Summer has been [redacted] successful.

When I signed the tax treaty at the Foreign Office I was unprepared for the sherry ritual that concluded the exercise. During it, Lord Walston chatted about his farming interests. In addition to his extensive English agricultural properties, he has a large investment on Santa Lucia in the West Indies, where he raises bananas and mahogany trees. The latter become merchantable after thirty years, though preferably they should not be cut so early.

March 20, 1966 - Saturday

To the office this morning, to read telegrams from Djakarta for pleasure, and those about Nato for instruction. [redacted]

For the second time this week I went to the Garrick Club to sign the Candidate's book; on this occasion at the instance of Alastair Buchan, who [redacted] proposed Brubeck. Over the years I have had a considerable traffic in sponsoring or supporting candidates for clubs. My letters to the Century Association have, I fear, been too frequent to do anything but harm to prospective members.

We had a short circuit in the house this evening. I was trapped for a half-hour in the complete blackness of the swimming pool area. We reverted to candles which made everything look festive. [redacted]

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seemed to accept the necessity of the Fourteen continuing to operate the Nato organization. The chief interest of most of the members, however, was in our policies regarding Vietnam and China. They were all very polite, in spite of several barbed queries. I arrived home in time to see the last half on television of Chechov's Ivanov. Sir John Gielgud played the leading part. It was brilliantly presented, but had the usual gloomy 19th Century Russian theme of despair. It ended, as might have been expected, by the leading character committing suicide.

March 22, 1966 - Tuesday

Moya de Montedouin came to see me this morning. After three years in Egypt with FBO, from which post she has been decorating our Embassies in Africa and elsewhere, she is on home leave, but has been told she must spend two more years in Cairo. Over this prospect she is naturally disconsolate, especially since her health has been adversely affected by her travels and the Cairo climate. She has far more taste than any decorator I have ever known in FBO, but due to the administrative confusion in that organization, I fear her merits have little chance of due recognition. It seems to me especially unfortunate that Wayne Hayes has now put one of his protegés in charge of FBO, Washington.

I lunched at The Times on Printing House Square, as the guest of E. C. Hodgkin, its Foreign Editor. He had half a dozen of his foreign correspondents there, and we talked for over two hours about world conditions.

Mr. L. J. Dosumu, Acting High Commissioner of Nigeria, called on me. His Chief, the High Commissioner, who had been here for five years, left London in December and has not reappeared, nor was he expected to do so by members of the local Diplomatic Corps, for we had heard he was likely to lose his place as a result of the Government overturn in his country. His Deputy assured me he would be back here in a month or two.

Gabriel Hauge called on me. Since I last saw him, he has lost one eye, by what accident I do not know. He has been visiting the Cabinet Officers and people in the financial community, but is not reassured over the future prospects for a satisfactory British economy.

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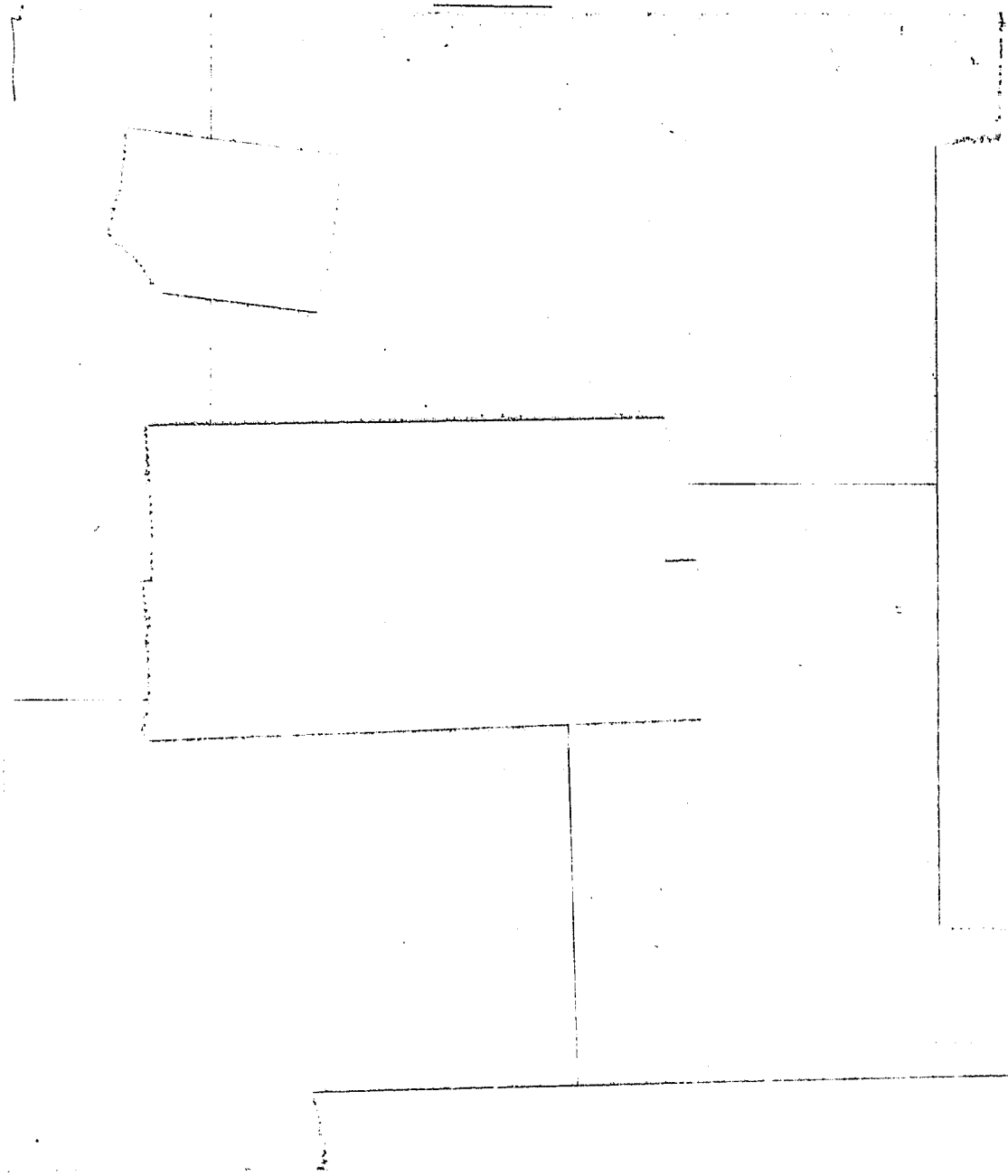

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Mollie Buccleuch dined with us. She and Walter have generously offered us two of their houses in Scotland for several weeks this summer, if we wish to use them.

March 24, 1966 - Thursday

The new Austrian Ambassador, Josef A. Schoener, came to see me this morning. He is 62 years old; after practicing law for a short time he entered the Diplomatic Service and was posted to the United States. Dismissed by the Germans in 1938, he re-entered the Diplomatic Service in 1947. He served thereafter in London, Washington, Germany, and was from 1955 to 1958 Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry in Vienna. He was Ambassador in Bonn for seven years before coming here. During two of his years there, he was my colleague. He is intelligent, sensible, and has been thoroughly in the confidence of his Government.

We went at noon to attend a Memorial Service for Bill Astor at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He died in Nassau this year of a heart attack, at the age of 59. I do not think he ever recovered from the strain caused by his connection with the Profumo-Christine Keeler affair. Waldorf Astor's five children (including Bill) are all earnest, conscientious citizens, but seem to me rather infirm of purpose. The church was crowded.

We had a lunch at home for Tom Wolfe, John Wells, Diana Phipps, David and Nicky. Wells said as a result of Lord Russell's suit against Private Eye, his associates have decided to pay the fine of £5,000 by delivering the payment to Russell in sackfuls of one-pound notes. He is a brilliant, amusing fellow, who is active and popular in several forms of communications media. Tom Wolfe is continuing his researches into British gambling, and has already visited almost every wagering establishment of importance. Diana Phipps has postponed her trip to Italy, since her daughter has measles, and has joined Wolfe and Wells in their investigations of gambling clubs.

I saw Bill Stoneman, of the Chicago Daily News, this afternoon. He and Jim Pettus were on the Tay River last week, salmon fishing. They each killed a 28-pounder, but only caught five fish.

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legitimate requirements of German domestic politics, and minimize, in the interests of NATO and European unity, damage to long-term prospects for Franco-German comity and the return of France to the Atlantic fold.

Additionally, an agreement should be phrased so to allay the concern of Allies over:

(a) A rebirth of German nationalism and militarism,

(b) Germany acquiring undue weight within the Alliance as French influence diminishes,

(c) A special bilateral US-German relationship, with increased German pressures in Washington,

(d) Profit to the USSR through Franco-German dissension.

If a tolerable bargain cannot be struck because of French intransigence, then our political strategy should be reviewed.

There is, I believe, little merit in considering a multilateral negotiation, with attendant confusion, on this subject.

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the majority are men and women prominent for their knowledge in the Humanities. Cleanth Brooks was the only other person from our Embassy. In the audience were the directors of all the leading museums in London, many well known Masters and Professors at Universities, Paul Gore-Booth from the Foreign Office, Garrett Drogheda, Lord Devlin, and others of that caliber. The toast to The Guests was proposed by Blunt, and an amusing reply made by Lord Goodman. The toast to The Academy was proposed in a felicitous speech by Rab Butler, and admirably answered by Lord Robbins.

Goodman, whom I had never met before, is a famous lawyer, numbering amongst his clients the Prime Minister. He is an immense, ugly fellow, weighing, I should think, at least 250 pounds, and his countenance fails to disclose the nature of his indubitable and varied talents. I had a short conversation with him after dinner about the tangled Ian Fleming succession, which he has taken in hand for Anne, who told me he ~~seemed about to work~~ has worked a near miracle, as far as she and her son were concerned. Goodman said he was hopeful about the outcome of his efforts.

March 31, 1966 - Thursday

I participated in the briefing this morning of the National War College group, who are here under the direction of Col. Leo B. Jones.

Afterwards, I lunched at home with E and David, who is concluding his vacation tomorrow, and leaving for home. We are taking him tonight to Pam Berry's party.

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Nathan Cummings, of Chicago, and Charles Hall, who occupies the singular post of Mayor of the Cities in Dade County, Florida, came to see me this afternoon. Cummings is still Chairman of Consolidated Foods Corporation, and continues his massive buying of pictures and sculpture. He told me he had added three Picassos to his collection. The Mayor is thinking of running for the United States Senate. He seems quite an operator. During Prince Philip's visit, Hall lent the Prince a Rolls Royce car, the only one he said, owned by a Florida official. He wants to meet the Queen. I told him it was not customary, nor would it be welcomed, for any Ambassador to request such an audience. I pointed out he could see her at Ascot, or attend the July 21st Garden Party,

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January 11, 1966 - Tuesday

E and I left Bunny and Page Cross this morning with deep regret; it was like quitting Paradise. Paul [redacted] back several days ago.

Our trip to New York on Pan American was delayed an hour; afterwards, we had a four hour and a quarter flight, arriving at Kennedy airport in mid-afternoon. The regrettable New York subway strike, that has disrupted the lives and fortunes of millions of people, is still on. Luckily, Pan Am placed a car at E's disposal to take her to the Colony Club. I shifted over to Eastern Airlines, reaching the Metropolitan in time for dinner. In Antigua the temperature was about 75 degrees, at Kennedy about 40.

January 12, 1966 - Wednesday

Bob Bowie came to see me at the Department this morning. Previously, I had attended a meeting in John Leddy's office to discuss instructions I might receive from the President as the basis for representations to the Prime Minister on nuclear sharing. Since I was last here no progress has been made in this matter, except for the preparation of staff papers.

The President's letter of December 21, 1965, to Harold Wilson, referring to Chancellor Erhard having "come down squarely on the side of a "hardware solution", was answered by the PM on January 5, 1966. Wilson's reply was somewhat evasive, though it was evident he favors a no-hardware solution. Apparently he wishes the affair to be considered by the Select Committee, an idea unattractive to us.

The President is said to have been so occupied over Vietnam and other problems that he has not given further attention to this one. Rusk is in New Delhi, attending Shastri's funeral, Ball is testifying on the Hill. It seems essential for

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persuasive, its arguments for further Great Society legislation generally sound and imaginative, its relation of the power of the American economy almost terrifying in magnitude. His budget request was 112.8 billion dollars, a new record.

January 13, 1966 - Thursday

The temperature yesterday swung between 33 and 17 degrees. A high of forty is predicted for today.

Fred Irving has straightened out the fantastic errors made in my pay and deductions since I took office on March 1, 1961. I owe the Government $11,000, it owes me an equal amount. Thanks to the intricacies of our tax system, this may require me to file amended income returns for this period; anhow George White will know what to do.

The White House has arranged for me to see the President tomorrow at 11:15.

Pat Dean called on me at 12:00 at the Department, to talk about a number of matters, including nuclear sharing and the defense review. I like him; he is exceptionally intelligent, frank, honorable.

Lunched at the Metropolitan, after a drink with Julius Holmes. Ate frugally, in order to keep an engagement with Walt Rostow and Henry Owen.

At 4:45, attended a Defense Review meeting in Schaetzel's office, mostly to discuss British plans to curtail their global defense dispositions in such places as Libya, Cyprus, Persian Gulf, Singapore, Aden.

January 15, 1966 - Friday

Another heavenly day, cold, sunny.

Saw George Ball, and talked about my upcoming appointment with the President, Went to the White House to engage Mac Bundy and Francis Bator on the same theme.

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and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Vietnamese War. I think a couple of bloody Marys, and a bottle of Sancerre were restorative.

Mac Bundy is leaving the end of February. Commenting on this, George said he thought the President should make major changes in his establishment. It was the first time I had heard George confess to being overtired. He said he was physically exhausted, and would like to resign in midsummer. His old law firm has offered him, as Counsel, a salary in five figures, a car, chauffeur, and perquisites. He has almost used up in government service, his savings.

How Ball has physically survived the exactions of his position is a wonder. No matter what his schedule, perpetually short of sleep, his mind is in a state of unflagging vigilance.

During my conversation with the President, he referred, with elephantine memory, to Wilson's hint of the possibility of assigning the British Polaris to duty in the Far East as a counter to Chinese aggression.

I took the 3:00 p.m. second Eastern Airlines shuttle to New York. This is a convenience. The passenger scratches down his name and address, boards a plane, plays in flight. If the spaces are filled, another craft takes off fifteen minutes later.

These prop-propeller Constellations are reliable old war horses, likely soon to be put out to pasture, to be succeeded by medium range jets. I remember during the war with what joy we welcomed a trip on them, especially if the alternative were a ride on a DC3, variously known as a Dakota or C-47, the most resistant of planes, constantly kept in the air by cannibalization.

Went to the Brook. Dined with Ailsa at 2 East 67th Street. Genial evening. I stopped at 825 Fifth Avenue to see Ellen and Jim, who have rented Mrs. Lyons'

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apartment there, now owned by Ailsa. Jim has never really recovered from his fall; he must nurse a recalcitrant leg, but is u[illegible]nplaining.

January 16, 1966 - Saturday

Left on Pan American at 10:15 this morning for London. Met Laura and Amory Houghton in the Clipper Club; they were off on a vacation in Jamaica.

Usual smooth flight. Plane crowded. My seatmate was Jack Hamilton, of Greenwich, Connecticut, President of a chalk, and kindred school necessity, company that makes a ten per cent net return on sales of 18 million dollars. Tidy business. He is a good type, with one son at MIT, another at Law School in the University of Michigan. His immediate business in London is to consider setting up a subsidiary in Kenya, to manufacture chalk, now much in demand for schools throughout Africa. If Hamilton does not do so, with the Kenyatta Government as partner, he thinks some one else will finance a factory in East Africa.

Arrived in London after a trip of 6 hours 20 minutes. Was delighted with the marbleization of the entrance hall, doubly so with the new pale apricot color of the large hall.

January 17, 1966 - Sunday

After a loggish sleep, ros[illegible]red through folders of mail. It is snowing lightly.

I was constantly occupied [illegible]t the day with all sorts of written impedimenta piled up during my absence. I took an interval off for tea with Diana Phipps.

E arrived back tonight from New York.

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January 18, 1966 - Monday

Spent the entire day in the office, including lunch, attempting to tie together loose ends.

January 19, 1966 - Tuesday

It was bitterly cold last night, and the temperature this morning was slightly below freezing.

John Haskell, representative of the Bankers Trust in Paris, came to see me. His two sons and their French wives are now living in Paris, so Paulette and himself seem as happy as mortals can be.

I had a long talk with Cleanth Brooks about the functions of the Cultural Attache in our Embassies abroad and the problem of his replacement when he leaves in June. He has been a star performer here; his academic prestige, his standing in the literary world, his reputation as an author, are such that his was an ideal appointment. He is, however, profoundly disturbed by the bureaucratic obstacles impeding the [redacted] functioning of the Cultural Attache. He says he cannot conscientiously recommend the post being taken by a successor whom he would recommend on merit unless certain changes are made in the set-up. I agree with his conclusions. The Cultural Attache here, as well as in the large European posts, should have a reasonable entertainment allowance, a Government house or apartment, not be responsible for crushing administrative duties, and have the services of one or more thoroughly competent secretaries, as well as those of a skilled deputy. I do not believe this desirable reform would be possible unless appropriations for this particular office are substantially increased. Moreover, as I said to Mr. Frankel, it is not satisfactory to have a Cultural Attache of international reputation subordinate to a PAO whose knowledge of affairs

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in this field is likely to be limited. The best procedure would be, in my opinion, to have the Cultural Attache report through the DCM to the Ambassador, and to have a status as independent as that of the Science and other Attaches.

E and I lunched today with the Chogyal and the Gyalmo of Sikkim. We went first to 12 Morpeth Mansions, on Morpeth Terrace, where we met their children and had a drink [redacted]. His American wife is charming, and [redacted] pretty. He has somewhat Mongoloid features, and is evidently an intelligent, sympathetic man. He discussed frankly with me his difficulties with the Indian government. His little Kingdom has no true independence, for its defense, external affairs, coinage, and in fact almost everything [redacted] necessary to national independence is controlled by the Indians. When he goes abroad he is limited in purchasing foreign exchange with rupees to a sum of 1,000 pounds sterling. Trade of Sikkim with China has been cut off, a portion of his territory in Tibet has been taken over by the Chinese, and all in all the prospects of this country do not appear bright, since he believes India would like to reduce it to a province.

They took us to lunch at Bennetts, a famous fish food restaurant. I thought we would never get anything to eat, for the head waiter abruptly informed our host he had cancelled his reservation, since our party was so late in arriving. It was evident the people at Bennetts had no idea who the Chogyal was, but considered him an errant Oriental. I finally took a hand, and after explaining to the head waiter that his guest was the equivalent of a King, we managed to be served.

Tonight E and I went to Covent Garden, where the Cavendish Bentincks had asked us to attend the ballet Giselle with them, in the Bedford box. Bunchie and Derek Inchyra were also there. We had a merry party at supper between the acts. Margot Fonteyn and Nureyev had the leading parts. He was, as usual, superb, but

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seems to have coarsened somewhat in appearance since I last saw him. Margot was magnificent, and appreciated by the audience to a point where it seemed as if the curtain would never be finally closed. Her life sounds hideous. Although she is over 45, she still must keep dancing constantly to support herself and her husband, Arias, who is still immobilized by the assassins' attack on him in Panama several years ago.

January 19, 1966 - Wednesday

Staff meeting this morning.

De Myers came to see me. He is returning shortly to Ethiopia. He expects to leave the University there in June, and unless he takes a position offered him in Paris by a Foundation, would like to replace Cleanth Brooks here next summer. This would suit me admirably.

When I was passing through New York on my way back to London, Mac Bundy called me from Washington about what he said was a delicate Johnson family matter. Their elder daughter wants for some reason to come to London the last week in January or the beginning of February, for a short stay, the reason unspecified, but not on an official visit. Her family have not, as I understand it, opposed the idea, but I suppose would like, in order to ward off as far as possible imputations of frivolity, to be able to say she had some objective reason for her being here. The simplest thing of course would be for her to come as our guest, and go through an ordinary or extraordinary tourist routine. I sent Mac today this telegram on the subject:

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Eyes Only for MacGeorge Bundy from David Bruce.

Re personal matter, I have made with Evangeline careful canvass of possibilities of engagements that might seem to justify, from public relations standpoint, proposed trip latter part January or early February.

We have been unable to discover anything remotely suitable.

There are many events of public interest such as Westminster Abbey Treasures exhibition, numerous musical performances, agricultural and livestock shows, sports, including steeplechasing, etc., but nothing to provide appropriate cover for the type of visit contemplated.

The only Anglo-American function scheduled is a conference at Ditchley Park from January 28 through January 31, to be attended by some American Congressmen, where the discussion will center largely on Vietnam. Obviously, attendance there by our friend would not be desirable.

I understand that Sir Steven Runciman has already written, following a conversation he initiated with me a month ago, inviting subject's participation in September in a conference in which he thought subject might be especially interested. We inquired confidentially of him today whether he could think of any present substitute. The response was negative.

I must regretfully conclude that the only course I now see open for consideration would be to stay with us, which would delight us, on a purely social basis.

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E and I dined with Cecil King on the top floor of the Daily Mirror Building. The guests represented a wide range of interests. Amongst them were Cardinal Heenan, a young priest, Lord and Lady Parker (the Lord Chief Justice) the Vicar of St. Martin's in the Fields and his wife, Lord and Lady Robens, Sir Basil Spence, Lord and Lady Eccles, Lew Grave of TV fame, and the Jim Callaghans. I sat between Mrs. King and Lady Robens. Mrs. King is not only sweet and attractive, but has done wonderful work in the musical world. She took her British Children's Orchestra to Moscow last year, and has had them perform in various capitals. Although King does not drink, and eats little, he served a succession of good wines and dishes. For the first time, I drank 1958 Cheval Blanc from magnums.

Afterwards, we made a fascinating tour of the establishment. The operation of the presses was especially impressive. About 2,000 employees were engaged in the task of turning out the Daily Mirror for sale tomorrow morning. Over five million copies of it are published here, as well as others at Manchester. The London plant consumes almost 400 tons of newsprint per day, and an incredible amount of ink.

January 20, 1966 - Thursday

Henry Hyde came to see me this morning. He has almost completed an agreement with the French Government by which he will recover a part of the donations made by his father to that Government, which by French law he was not entitled to leave entirely away from his family. This will at last give Henry, who has no capital, an opportunity to make investments. His law practice is extremely remunerative, but after taxes he has little or no surplus.

E and I lunched with Ralph Cobbold, head of Justerini and Brooks on Bond Street. The de Courcels were there, as well as Cobbold's son, and his daughter,

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Mrs. Edgerton. In view of the amount we drank, it was surprising to be/afterwards even to walk, but again I think it proved that good wine taken in quantity at a meal is not nearly as intoxicating as a smaller quantity of hard liquor. We started with a 1962 Moselle, went through 1949 Chateau Pavie, 1943 Chateau Talbot, and ended with a 1908 unidentified Port, as well as a 1947 Cockborn Port. The food was plain, as it should be when tasting wines, but excellent.

After lunch I went to see the Prime Minister. I explained why no message on nuclear sharing had come from the President, and discussed this subject in general terms with him. He said he would be ready to engage in further conversations when I returned from Washington. As instructed by the President, I recalled to his attention his offer to negotiate on the ANF; he said he was ready to do so if the President wished.

At the office I saw Herman Pollock, Assistant Director of the Science Office. He talked to Phil Kaiser, Bill Armstrong and myself about sending Dr. Szego here. We agreed to take him, with the expectation he will replace Dr. Gruelich in September.

Sy Friedin came to see me. He is about to start off on another long tour in the East.

While I was in Washington, Die Welt published a story with a Washington dateline saying that State Department officials had indicated further nuclear talks would take place in London, and would be conducted on behalf of the German and American Governments by Herbert Blankenhorn and myself. Our officials categorically denied they were responsible for the leak, which they were inclined to attribute to the German Ambassador Knappstin.

Actually, since my return, I have been queried by no one except Harlan Cleveland on the subject.

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The Department intends to refer to the Erhard-Johnson communique agreement that discussions on nuclear sharing will be continued between US and FRG, and with other interested allies, by commenting that no decision has been made on detailed procedures for further discussions. Department spokesmen would also say in answer to questions that these discussions, when arranged, would be separate from the work of the Special Committee of Defense Ministers which will shortly begin to examine questions or communications, intelligence and planning in the nuclear field in accordance with terms of reference approved some time ago within NATO.

Jim Surtees dined with us tonight.

January 21, 1966 - Friday

Stefan Zamoyski came to see me this morning. While in Washington I received a letter from Shep Stone of the Ford Foundation, saying the Foundation would not be interested in making a donation toward the sustenance of the Polish Library and Institute in London. This was a great disappointment to Stefan, for now they have no resources except what little they can raise amongst the Poles locally, a contribution of $4200 a year (half of what they have previously received) from Free Europe, and from now on until April 1967 £ 7,000 from the British Government. The British Government in the past gave them £ 10,000 a year, but have informed them that after April 1967 there will be no further grants. Their budget amounts to about £ 14,000 to support what is the largest Polish Cultural Center outside of that country. I talked to Stefan about how some interest might be generated in the affair, but am not optimistic. He also asked me to give him information for his son, aged 17, whom he wants eventually to do his Military Service in the United States. The young man is in school here,

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but was born in the United States. This presents a complicated problem, for it is the first instance I have heard of where one who presumably is not liable for such duty as long as he resides outside of our country wishes to volunteer for it.

Bill Weld, of USIA, came to see me. I told him of my talk with De Myers, and our willingness to have him replace Cleanth Brooks if Myers decided not to take another position.

Lunched at Bucks with Mr. Dickson and Whitney Straight. Whitney always seems to be in a joyous mood, even on this occasion when he was about to visit a doctor to decide whether or not to be operated on for a double hernia. Regardless of the decision, he expects to fly to Salisbury next week. He owns a large building there in the center of the city. He thinks no satisfactory solution to the Rhodesian problem can be found unless somehow the British Prime Minister enters into negotiations with Mr. Smith.

Judging by reports we receive in the Embassy, the economic sanctions on Rhodesian trade and finance are working effectively. The one in which the British place the most reliance is that on petroleum and its products.

Representative John J. Flynt, Jr., Democratic Member of the House of Representatives, from Georgia, came to see me this afternoon with his wife. He is an admirer of Sir Winston Churchill, and brought with him copies of the book containing memorial addresses delivered in the Congress of the United States and tributes in eulogy of Churchill. He gave one to me, and wishes to present copies to the Queen, a member of the Churchill family, Lord Mountbatten, and Field Marshal Montgomery.

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January 22, 1966 - Saturday

We went down by train this morning to Easton Neston, arriving in time for a late lunch. This was to be the last pheasant shoot of the season, but the weather has been so cold and foggy there was nothing available except desultory pigeon flights. The guests were Tony Lincoln (barrister), Tony and Linda Lewis (New York Times), Mrs. (Spider) Peter Quennell, Bobby Corbett, Lady Egremont,

James Cecil came over for dinner from Oxford with his aunt, Pamela Egremont. Her son has had an unusual operation on his kneecaps, which have from childhood betrayed him, not as a result of injury, into stumbling and falling. This complicated operation is expected to obviate the difficulty. Cecil is one of the four or five sons of Mollie and Robert Cranborne. He seems to have inherited the unusual talents of the Cecil family. He is said to be a first class scholar, a notable shot, and a keen sportsman. A younger brother aged 15 has already passed his examinations for the University, and been given a scholarship. It is remarkable how persistent talent, political, literary and otherwise, has been for centuries, with short skips, in this family. We had a wonderfully gay dinner, followed by a dictionary game. It lasted until after midnight.

January 23, 1966 - Sunday

E and I left this morning and took a noon train to London through fog and dismal weather. I made the necessary preparations that entailed a lot of writing for my trip to the United States tomorrow.

January 24, 1966 - Monday

Due to what I suppose are blizzard conditions in Washington, the Pan American plane from there, which I was to take on its return passage at 2:00 p.m., was delayed in leaving for the United States. I finally got off about 6:00 p.m.

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Before going so, I had a short conversation in the visitors' lounge with Pat Dean, who was about to leave for Washington on BOAC.

I was the only first class passenger on the plane; this does not augur well for the profitability of this service.

We bucked strong headwinds, but made port without incident. I got to bed in the Metropolitan Club at 4 a.m. Greenwich time.

During the trip, I went through masses of professional reading, as well as finishing A. J. P. Taylor's History of Great Britain, generously given me by Phil Kaiser.

January 25, 1966 - Tuesday

Reviewed with Leddy, Schaetzel and others, papers submitted by the British on their Defense Review.

Lunched at the Metropolitan with Scotty Reston. He said he wished when Dean Rusk leaves I would replace him as Secretary of State. I said there was no chance, in my opinion, of such an offer being made, but if it were I would not accept it.

Busy all afternoon at the Department, then sleep-intoxicated to early bed.

January 26, 1966 - Wednesday

Heavy snowfall commenced early this morning. Eight inches is predicted as the probable deposit by midnight.

I labored at the office all day, taking a sandwich lunch with John Leddy. We prepared several papers on nuclear sharing for consideration by the Secretary and George Ball.

Saw Ball this afternoon, then the Secretary, who will forward to the President recommendations on instructions to me for talks with the Prime Minister. I am not sanguine they will be approved, since Rusk, McNamara, and Bundy have not yet met on the subject.

Lengthy review in Leddy's office on the British Defense papers.

Tonight E is giving in London a dinner for Ken Galbraith, with the following guests:

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Mrs. Bruce
Sir Steven Runciman
Duchess of Buccleuch
Professor Kenneth Galbraith
Viscount Lambton (MP)
Lady Joan Zuckerman
Lord and Lady Harlech
Sir Paul and Lady Gore-Booth
Mr. Ian and Lady Caroline Gilmour (MP)
Mr. Hugh and Lady Antonia Fraser (MP)
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jenkins (MP)
Mr. and Mrs. Hamish Hamilton (Publisher)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collingwood (CBS)
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Armstrong
The Minister and Mrs. Kaiser
Princess Radziwill
Mr. Woodrow Wyatt (MP)
Miss Nancy Balfour (The Economist)
Mr. Arthur Schlesinger (Historian)
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore White (Historian)
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ury
Miss Ducane
Mr. Lanning Roper

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January 27, 1966 - Thursday

The British delegation arrived last night. It includes, amongst others, Michael Stewart, Sir Bernard Burrows, C. M. Maclehose, D. J. Maitland, E. J. Barnes (these five are from the Foreign Office); Denis Healey, Sir Henry Hardman, Sir Solly Zuckerman, P. D. Nairne (from the Ministry of Defence); Field Marshall Sir Richard Hull (Chief of the Defense Staff).

On our side, we started with an 8:30 breakfast in Dean Rusks's dining room. McNamara, Ball, Leddy, and myself were there to have a general discussion of today's proceedings.

We joined the British at 10 o'clock. Stewart and Healey made brilliant expositions of their plans; Rusk and McNamara commented on certain aspects of them.

The most important and difficult points at issue were:

1. Offset payments by Germany to reduce foreign exchange expenses imposed by maintenance of American and British troops in Germany. McNamara designated the FRG army as a "stage" affair, inadequately manned and equipped. He deprecated successive reductions in FRG defense budgets.

2. Libya. USG would not now undertake to earmark forces to compensate for any diminution by British--especially from Cyprus--of their ability to send military materiel to Libya in case of a crisis there. USG is not prepared to go beyond its present commitments.

3. Indian Ocean Pacific Area. HMG will give up Aden base after independence, probably in 1968. They will slightly increase their presence in the Persian Gulf. Cessation of confrontation by Indonesia would make possible a curtailment of the 55,000 men stationed in Singapore-Malaysia.

Considerable discussion about a future base in Northern Australia.

USG are concerned about impression that might be created in this theatre by any public announcement of a contemplated British move from Singapore.

Quadripartite talks between USG, HMG, Australia and New Zealand should not result in new treaty arrangements.

HMG is working on assumption that Indonesian aggression will cease by 1970, and Indonesia will not fall under Chinese domination.

HMG does not believe it can preserve Singapore base if confrontration with Indonesia is terminated. It is principally for this reason they have raised question of alternative base in Australia, although they would like to stay in Singapore as long as possible.

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4. To carry purchase of 50 US F110 A aircraft through Cabinet, Stewart and Healey need to obtain firm promise of large American orders to British suppliers of military goods. They put this amount at about one quarter of their expected purchases from the US of one billion pounds sterling worth of hardware.

Dean Rusk gave a working lunch, on the eighth floor of State, attended by Messrs. Stewart, Ball, Leddy, Henderson (British), Pat Dean, Bernard Burrows and myself.

At three o'clock Rusk, Stewart, Healey, McNamara, Dean and myself went to see the President. Most of his conversation pertained to Vietnam. It seemed evident he expected to resume bombing, but he wanted no reference made by those present to his mentioning the subject.

The meeting between the two delegations started up again before four o'clock and continued until six.

Dined tonight at the British Embassy, as guests of Pat Dean. The British present were Messrs. Stewart, Healey, Burrows, Hardman, Hull, Zuckerman, Maclehose, M. N. P. Stewart, Henderson (Admiral Sir Nigel), Bendall; the Americans were Messrs. Rusk, McNamara, Ball, McNaughton, Alexis Johnson, Leddy, Kitchen, General Andy Goodpaster, and myself.

We had a business discussion after dinner; Bob McNamara took me home.

The British were elated over Labor's victory today at Hull. They increased their percentage of the vote from 43.3% in 1964 to 52.2%. The Conservative vote remained constant, but the Liberal declined from 15.9 to 6.3%. Richard Gott, campaigning against US policy in Vietnam and the support given it by HMG, had only 253 votes out of almost 47,000 cast.

The results at Hull will have a profound immediate effect in Great Britain. This manifestation of Labor popularity does not, however, necessarily mean a March general election will be set. The Prime Minister, with a majority of four, soon to be three when the Tories fill a vacant seat, may continue to prefer this situation to one where, with a largely increased majority, party dissidents may feel they can safely assert themselves. The PM has made a personal and political virtue of his scanty majority, the dislike of voters for another election, and his success in dominating and dramatizing crises. He is a spectacular political tactician and performer.

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